

1     ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2             The invention encompasses a method of forming silicon nitride on  
3     a silicon-oxide-comprising material. The silicon-oxide-comprising material  
4     is exposed to activated nitrogen species from a nitrogen-containing plasma  
5     to introduce nitrogen into an upper portion of the material. The  
6     nitrogen is thermally annealed within the material to bond at least some  
7     of the nitrogen to silicon proximate the nitrogen. After the annealing,  
8     silicon nitride is chemical vapor deposited on the nitrogen-containing  
9     upper portion of the material. The invention also encompasses a method  
10    of forming a transistor device. A silicon-oxide-comprising layer is formed  
11    over a substrate. The silicon-oxide-comprising layer is exposed to  
12    nitrogen from a nitrogen-containing plasma to introduce nitrogen into an  
13    upper portion of the layer. The nitrogen is thermally annealed within  
14    the layer to bond at least some of the nitrogen silicon proximate the  
15    nitrogen. After the annealing, silicon nitride is chemical vapor deposited  
16    on the nitrogen-containing upper portion of the layer. At least one  
17    conductive gate layer is formed over the silicon nitride, and defines a  
18    gate layer. A pair of source/drain regions are formed proximate the  
19    gate layer and gatedly connected to one another through a channel  
20    region that is beneath the gate layer. Additionally, the invention  
21    encompasses transistor device structures.